(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (e) Yes Sir, Archaeological Survey of India has set up an air pollution laboratory at Taj Mahal, Agra which regularly monitors the air quality in the ambience of Taj Mahal since 1982. The average level of suspended particulate matter (SPM) Is five times higher than the permissible limit prescribed for monuments. This causes the yellowing of the marble surfaces, particularly in rain sheltered areas such as marble cladding in the arches/niches of main mausoleum, marble brackets etc.

The clay pack method is used for the scientific cleaning of marble surface in order to safely and effectively remove superficial accretions. It has been planned to take up the task of mud pack cleaning treatment in two phases. In the first phase of work, the arches including the marble screens and platform terrace walls of the monuments facing Yamuna has already been initiated and expected to be completed by second week of June, 2008 with an estimated cost of Rs. 14.00 lakhs. In the next phase the minarets will be taken up.

The treatment of marble surface of the Taj Mahal employing clay pack/mud pack treatment technique has been adopted since 1983-84. This technique is an internationally recognized method based on absorption principle. Fuller's Earth activated with certain suitable chemicals is used for this purpose. The marble surface to be cleaned is covered with a two millimeter thick layer of the paste of Fuller's Earth prepared in distilled water. The mud pack is covered with polythene sheets in order to allow sufficient time for action. When the paste dries naturally, it is removed from the surface with soft nylon brushes and the treated surface is washed with distilled water. The accretions are absorbed by the paste, leaving the stone surface clean. This method is non-absorbed by the paste, leaving the stone surface clean. This method is non-abrasive, non-corrosive and quite effective in the removal of adherent accretionary deposits.

References are available about the advisability and safety of using poulticing materials for marble cleaning. This method has been successfully used in U.K. and Itlay.

Greenfield airports in Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh

*96. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

what are the Greenfield airports being planned to be developed in different parts of the country; and

whether there is any Greenfield airport proposed to be developed in the States of Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) & (b) of the Rajya Sabha (*) starred Question No. 96 for answer on 04.03.2008 regarding Greenfield airports in Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh.

Details of Greenfield airports planned to be developed are enclosed in the statement. *(See* below)

The Greenfield airport at Shamshabad near Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh is likely to become operational in this month.

At present there is no proposal for any greenfield airport in Rajasthan.

Statement

Details of greenfield airports in the country

Name of airport	State	Remarks
Hyderabad Internationa l	Andhra Pradesh	Project is under implementation in Public Private Partnership (PPP) and is expected to be commissioned shortly.
Bangalore Internationa l	Karnataka	Project is under implementation in Public Private Partnership (PPP) and is expected to be commissioned shortly.
Navi Mumbai airport	Maharashtra	In principle approval was accorded by Government of India (GOI) on 31 st May, 2007, It is proposd to be implemented in PPP
Pekyong	Sikkim	The project is being implemented by Airports Authority of India (AAI) with 90% funding by GOI and 10% by AAI. Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the project is prepared. Process for obtainng sanction of GOI has been initiated
Itanagar	Arunachal Pradesh	The project is being implemented by Airports Authority of India (AAI) with 90% funding by GOI and 10% by AAI. (DPR) for the project is under preparation.
Chiethu	Nagaland	The project is being implemented by Airport Authority of India (AAI) with 90% funding by GOI and 10% by AAI. (DPR) for the project is under preparation.
Jawar, Gautam Buddha Nagar, UP	Uttar Pradesh	A Proposal of Uttar Pradesh Government for setting up of a greenfield airport under PPP model is under consideration of GOI.
Kannur	Kerala	In principle approval accorded for setting up of greenfield airport under PPP model was accorded on 17th January, 2008 by GoI
N.'opa	Goa	In principle approval accorded for setting up of greenfield airport under PPP model was accorded on 29th March, 2C00 by GoI

Rise in Economic offences

*97. SHRIMATISHOBHANA BHARTIA:
PROF. ALKA B ALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(j) whether Government is aware that economic offences are on the rise in the country, particularly, credit card frauds;

(k) if so, the details thereof;